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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am writing in regard to your notes introducing and annotating the Milteer documents as published in your book Frame-Up. These documents and notes are to appear in the anthology edited by Peter Scott, Paul Hoch and myself. Libel lawyers for Random House, the publisher of the anthology, raised questions about many statements which, if false, could be libelous. Among the many questions on their long list was the statement that Joseph A. Milteer was a Georgia functionary of the National States Rights Party. If false, this statement could libel the NSRP by associating it with Milteer's plots. (We are not concerned with any of the allegations about Milteer's activities, since these are all reported in privileged sources.) CE 762, of course, links "a militant group of the National States Rights Party" to plans to assassinate the president, but not specifically to the Milteer plot. We need a similar document, or even a report from a usually reliable newspaper, to establish Milteer's NSRP connection. We would be grateful if you could write to our editor at Random House, Ms. Susan Bolotin, explaining in a few sentences what evidence led you to state that Milteer was an NSRP functionary. I feel sure that your explanation will satisfy the concern of the lawyers, and I thank you in advance for your continuing cooperation. A stamped envelope addressed to Ms. Bolotin is provided for your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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